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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/180 of 19 December 1991,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 2/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee on the Institute,

Taking note of the steps taken by the Secretary-General to restructure the Institute for the purpose of implementing in New York and Geneva innovative and cost-effective programmes that would respond to the new challenges facing the United Nations and the need to meet the growing training requirements of Member States and staff in the United Nations system,

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1/ A/47/458.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/47/14).

Recognizing the need to enhance the overall capacity of the United Nations in research and data gathering,

Acknowledging that a restructured Institute should continue to develop a more structured relationship with national and international institutions,

Further acknowledging the continued relevance of the mandate of the Institute as contained in its statute,

1. Decides that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General, 3/ the building of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will be immediately transferred to the United Nations in return for the cancellation of the debt of the Institute and that coverage of its financial obligations for 1992 as well as the cost of all transitional arrangements will be assumed by the United Nations;

2. Also decides that, in accordance with the recommendations of the high-level consultant, as approved by the Board of Trustees of the Institute, the New York Office should be streamlined, provided with the necessary facilities and staffed, at a minimum, by a Director, one General Service staff member, three full-time senior fellows and additional full-time senior fellows on a non-remuneration basis to undertake existing training programmes designed to meet the growing training needs in the fields of multilateral diplomacy, peace-keeping, peace-building and peacemaking and to conduct research, as well as to carry out the restructured programmes in economic and social training organized in cooperation with the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank;

3. Further decides that the funding of the Institute's administrative budget and training programmes will in future be covered from voluntary contributions, special-purpose grants and executing agency overheads;

4. Urges Member States to contribute to the restructured Institute, in particular to its General Fund so as to assure its viability;

5. Similarly decides that the cost of training programmes made at the specific request of the United Nations and of other United Nations organs and specialized agencies should be covered by the requesting organizations;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to explore further closer cooperation between the Institute and other qualified national and international institutions including, inter alia, the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation at Turin, in order to enable the United Nations system to respond to the increasing training needs at both the international and national levels in the most cost-effective manner and in the best interest of the participating member States;

3/ A/47/458, sect. III.

7. Requests the Institute to improve its cooperation with national and international institutions in the field of international relations and scientific analysis;

8. Further urges United Nations funds and programmes such as the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and the United Nations Population Fund to improve their collaboration with the Institute;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-eighth session a report on the above-mentioned arrangements.